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Budget shortfall leads to fewer teaching positions

Samantha MacConnell
MUSTANG DAILY

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob recently cut each college's budget by 2.5 percent, which resulted in fewer lecturers hired and fewer course sections offered.

"I've met (the budget reduction) by not filling two positions and using some funding that I've carried over from the previous year," said David Wehner, dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. "Each college probably has a different approach for giving up that 2.5 percent of our budget."

As a result, the College of Liberal Arts is monitoring spending on travel, office supplies and operating expenses. Course offerings in the winter and spring will also be reduced to lessen the need for lecturers.

"The faculty most affected are our part-time lecturers," said Debra Valencia-Laver, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "They aren't getting the same level of assignments as they have in the years passed. We all wish there was more money to go around and more teaching. We know that this is hard."

Since Cal Poly accepted almost 1,000 fewer students this year between freshmen and transfer students, there will be less demand for classes, which will also affect the number of sections taught by lecturers.

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"When we accept fewer students at Cal Poly because the budget has gone down, we know that we are going to affect the lives of some very good people," said Dave Christy, dean of the Orfalea College of Business.

The university has two categories of faculty: tenured and tenure-track faculty that have a permanent positions, and lecturers, who are temporary faculty. Faculty on permanent appointments would only be laid off if the overall university budget was cut significantly or if an entire program was removed.

Lecturers are hired when needed and have prior-see Budget, page 2

Budget cuts stop testing of six local beaches



KRISTEN HAYS MUSTANG DAILY

The county will no longer test water samples from six local beaches, due to budget cuts. It will continue to test the water from 14 other beaches which have a history of poor water quality.

Camas Frank
MUSTANG DAILY

State budget cuts have put a stop to water testing for bacteria at six local beaches in San Luis Obispo County.

As of Oct. 23, San Luis Obispo County's Environmental Health Services will no longer sample sites north of Pier Avenue and south of Strand Avenue at Pismo Beach. Also no longer being tested is Morro Strand State Beach, the city beach north of Morro Rock, San Simeon State Beach, and Hazard Canyon in Montana de Oro.

Weekly samples from 14 other county beaches

will still be tested for the presence of indicator bacteria known to cause illness. As long as the testing program still receives federal funds and an allocation from the county budget, testing will continue at these sites, said Curt Batson, the director of environmental health for San Luis Obispo County.

"Obviously we will still respond to complaints if there were sewage spills there or anywhere else, certainly. This is just our weekly, routine sampling that we had to discontinue," Batson said.

Due to the cuts, the county will no longer be able to take preventative measures at the untested locations.

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., smiles at a rally at the Cleveland Mall with Bruce Springsteen in Cleveland, Ohio Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008.

Final campaign days sees heavy vote push

Nedra Pickler
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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Barack Obama and John McCain uncorked massive get-out-the-vote operations in more than a dozen battleground states Sunday, millions of telephone calls, mailings and door-knockings in a frenzied, fitting climax to a record-shattering \$1 billion campaign. Together, they'll spend about \$8 per presidential vote.

With just two days to go, most national polls show Obama ahead of McCain. State surveys suggest the Democrat's path to the requisite 270 electoral votes — and perhaps far beyond — is much easier to navigate than McCain's.

Obama exuded confidence. "The last couple of days, I've been just feeling good," he told 80,000 gathered to hear him — and singer Bruce Springsteen — in Cleveland. "The crowds seem to grow and everybody's got a smile on their face. You start thinking that maybe we might be able to win an election on Nov. 4."

Polls show the six closest states are Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada and Ohio. All were won by Bush and made competitive by Obama's record-shattering fundraising. The campaigns also are running aggressive ground games elsewhere, including Iowa, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Colorado and Virginia.

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Rubber duckies flood SLO Creek



BRYAN BEILKE MUSTANG DAILY

Participants at Sigma Nu's philanthropy event, the Ducky-Derby, raced multi-colored rubber duckies down the San Luis Obispo Creek on Saturday afternoon.

The event raised money for Relay For Life benefiting the American Cancer Society and was the brainchild of political science junior, a cancer survivor and member of the fraternity, Alex Cuny.

Thousands of duckies participated.

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ity depending on seniority, but they do not have a guaranteed job. "We have hired fewer lecturers this year than we have in the past," Christy said. "It's because we have fewer students and less budget."

Because of the cuts, fewer class sections will be offered. If a class is not completely filled, the university will cancel it and offer it a different quarter. Students will be informed of the cancellation and told to register again when it is offered.

"In better times, we might be able to run some of those smaller sections, but at this time, we have to be real tight about that," Christy said. "At the end of the day, when we have budget cuts, we virtually have to reduce the number of classes we teach and make sure that they are fully enrolled."

Cal Poly did not accept any transfer or freshmen students in the summer and does not intend to accept any transfer students in January.

"We don't want to admit students and then not have the courses they need to graduate," Christy said.

Each dean's objective is to make sure students get through the curriculum and keep them moving at a steady pace toward their degree completion.

"In the end, if we don't balance the budget, it just comes out of next year's money," Christy said. "It wouldn't surprise me if many local governments in California have layoffs this year because there is not as much sales tax revenue. The question is when is the economy going to turn around and when is the budget in California going to be rectified?"

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dard violations weren't cut, Batson said.

"So they are essentially our best beaches," he said.

Similar cuts have impacted every coastal community in the state. San Mateo County in Southern California is cutting back to emergency services only after losing funds for testing at 38 beach and creek sites.

Some say San Luis Obispo is lucky to still have 14 sites.

"My counterparts throughout the state were all lobbying to not make that cut," Batson said. "We did six out of 20; some of the counties eliminated all of their site funds because it all came from the state."

In addition to receiving funds from more than

one source, San Luis Obispo was buffered from the budget cuts thanks to foresight. The county Environmental Health Department left a salaried position vacant to free up funds because of a sense that the state's economic climate wasn't healthy.

"This has been on the books for awhile now and it's really very unfortunate," said Cal Poly biology professor Chris Kitts, who headed a 25-person research project on contamination at the Pismo Pier over the summer.

While the testing site near the pier is still under scrutiny and the data from Kitts' project is still being analyzed, the two sites no longer tested at Pismo Beach sometimes have water quality issues according to his study.

"It's a bit of a problem because we do have occasional hits from those sites," Kitts said. "We took our own samples, but the real results were being used to compare. Are we getting the same stuff as they are?"

The unusually high contamination at the Pismo Pier is still considered a unique situation by the Environmental Health Department and will remain unaffected by the cutbacks.

"For some reason we just don't seem to have the same problems at those other Pismo Beach locations that we discontinued and the ones at Morro Bay just don't seem to have the same effect," Batson said.

The final report from Kitts' team to the city of Pismo Beach isn't slated until 2010.

Research on that site will continue, collecting E. Coli and looking for other unique marker bacteria to trace the contamination.

"With another year, we might get another summer (of testing) out of it," Kitts said.

"We certainly look forward to seeing what they find and we will become involved once they trace the problem and we find out what the solution might be," Batson said.

Campaign

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All that's left now for the candidates is make sure people vote Tuesday — if they haven't already.

Indeed, Election Day is becoming a misnomer. About 27 million absentee and early votes were cast in 30 states as of Saturday night, more than ever. Democrats outnumbered Republicans in pre-Election Day voting in key states.

That has Democrats — and even some Republicans — privately questioning whether McCain can overtake Obama, even if GOP loyalists turn out in droves on Tuesday. Obama may already have too big of a head start in critical states like Nevada and Iowa, which Bush won four years ago.

"This is off the charts in some of these states," said Michael P. McDonauld, a political scientist at George Mason University.

As the campaign closes, voters were being inundated with a crush of television ads and automated phone calls.

In a new TV ad, Obama highlighted Vice President Dick Cheney's support for McCain. The ad features Cheney, an extremely unpopular figure among the general public, at an event Saturday in Wyoming, saying: "I'm delighted to support John McCain."



STEPHAN SAVOIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., greets supporters as he enters a campaign rally at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa., Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008.

Not to be outdone, the Republican National Committee rolled out battleground phone calls that include Hillary Rodham Clinton's criticism of Obama during the Democratic primary. She is heard saying: "In the White House, there is no time for speeches and on-the-job training. Sen. McCain will bring a lifetime of experience to the campaign, and Sen. Obama will bring a speech that he gave in 2002." A Clinton spokeswoman said she disapproves of the ad.

The Pennsylvania GOP also unveiled a TV ad featuring Obama's former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, declaring "God damn America!" in a sermon.

Obama and McCain campaigned on each other's turf Sunday. Obama was in Ohio, a bellwether state Bush won four years ago and where polls show Obama tied or winning. McCain visited Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, states won by Democrat John Kerry in 2004. He trails in both.

"I've been in a lot of campaigns. I know the momentum is there," McCain told supporters at a rally in Pennsylvania. Overall, polls show Obama winning or tied in more than a dozen or so states won by

Bush while McCain trails in every Kerry state.

McCain and the RNC dramatically ramped up their spending in the campaign's final days and now are matching Obama ad for ad, if not exceeding him, in key battleground markets in states such as Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

After months of planning, the Republican Party launched the last stage of its vaunted "72-hour program," when volunteers descend on competitive states for the final stretch. Democrats unleashed their "persuasion army" of backers scouring their own backyards to encourage people to back Obama in the campaign's waning hours.

Obama's campaign reported that Saturday was its largest volunteer day, with more volunteers showing up to work the phones and walk neighborhood precincts than ever before in the campaign. Obama spokesman Bill Burton said, "Our volunteers are completely engaged."

McCain's crew says theirs are, too.

"There's no doubt that we've got an uphill battle," said Rich Beeson, the RNC's political director. But, "We still have a lot of voters that we can and will turn out."

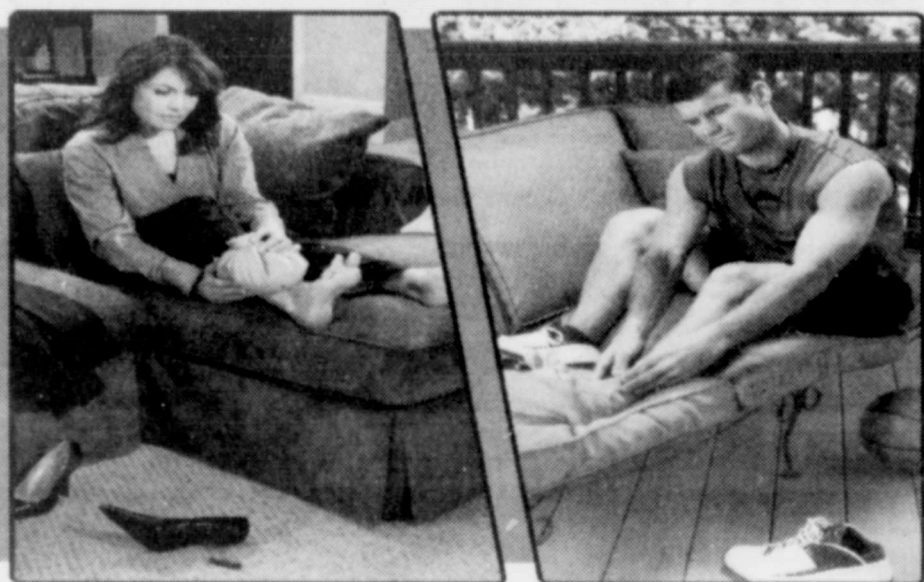
The RNC reported making 5.4 million voter contacts last week, compared with 1.9 million in the same week in 2004, and it says its volume has steadily increased since October began. Overall, it says 26 million voters have been contacted by volunteers over four months.

On Saturday alone, the RNC says an estimated 3 million voters were contacted by phone or in person, and it saw so many volunteers show up to help that in at least one state, Colorado, the party ran out of canvassing packets. Some 180,000 were gone by midday Saturday; more were printed.

McCain planned visits to media markets that hit battlegrounds Florida, Virginia, Indiana, New Mexico, and Nevada on Monday. A repeat trip to Pennsylvania also was slated before McCain returns home to Arizona.

Obama planned visits to Florida, North Carolina and Virginia on Monday and a quick stop in Indiana Tuesday morning. He told reporters he would hold a news conference on Wednesday. Later, Obama spokeswoman Linda Douglass walked back Obama's plans, saying he'll meet the press before the end of the week, but "don't count on Wednesday."

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Amid gloom, young see vote as act of hope



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Alicia Savoy, 23, left, and Nicole Williams, 23, wait along with other early voters, to cast their ballots, Thursday, in Norwalk, Calif.

Juliana Barbassa
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Getting ready to cast her first vote, 19-year-old Elizabeth Jimenez considers all that's at stake in her choice of president: the tanking economy in which she'll start her career. The dwindling medical benefits that support her bedridden sister. The failed promise of

immigration reform to help her Mexican-born father.

"It's so much bigger than myself," said the sophomore at College of the Sequoias, in Visalia, Calif.

Newspaper headlines promise layoffs and record the death toll in wars where Jimenez has friends and a cousin. The pressure of keeping her 10-person household afloat threatens her goal of

becoming a doctor. The din in the living room where she sleeps and studies makes it hard to do homework.

But in spite of the deep uncertainty facing those just starting out in life, young, first-time voters interviewed around the country are eager to participate. Yes, times are tough, they say, but casting a ballot is an act of hope, a bet on a better future.

"America's always been the place where dreams come true," says Jimenez, who will become the first in her immigrant family to hang hopes on a ballot. "Our votes can add up, make sure it stays that way."

Halfway across the country, 21-year-old Sahar Meghani is also upbeat and pragmatic despite the country's gloomy outlook.

"You just have to go after your own opportunities. They won't come to you," said the University of Houston finance major, whose dark pantsuit and pearls telegraphed her drive to find a job.

Saying students should "study the candidates just like we study for a test,"

she notes that soon "we'll be the ones in control of the economy."

The political debut Tuesday for young voters like these comes in an election already marked by historical firsts.

Young voters broke turnout records. They doubled and in some cases tripled their presence in caucuses like Iowa, energized by the heated contest deciding whether, for the first time, a woman or a black candidate became the Democratic nominee. They responded to intensive youth outreach from Republican and Democratic campaigns by volunteering, and used social networks to amplify their own opinions.

In cafes, dorm rooms and at work, they dissected candidates' positions on the economy, the wars, and everything else. In 2008, building on trends in the last two election cycles, the potent mix of personally relevant issues and charismatic candidates could mark the under-25 crowd's breakthrough as political players with clout, experts said.

"We have factors that will likely

result in the highest youth vote on record," said John Della Volpe, director of polling at Harvard University's Institute of Politics. Its survey of political attitudes among 18- to 24-year-olds found nearly seven in 10 saw political engagement as an effective way of solving the country's problems.

To Sean Barry, a political science major preparing to graduate from the University of California, Berkeley, and start looking for a job come May, sitting on the sidelines was not an option.

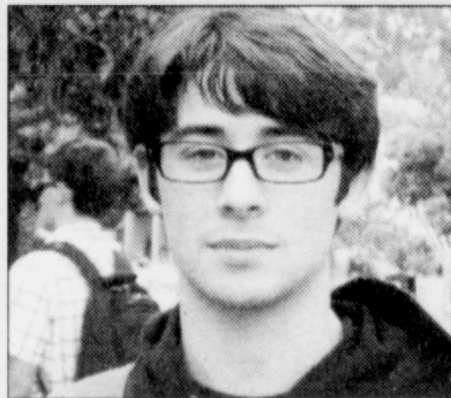
"All of us are thinking about jobs after we graduate, what we're going to do about health care," said the 21-year-old, pushing aside the notes he was studying for a midterm exam. "I'm definitely concerned — about the economy, about the war."

He'll cast his first vote for president for Sen. Barack Obama, but he's already done a lot more. He went to New Hampshire for the primary contest, worked the phones from California to reach voters in states where Obama needed a boost, and drove to

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WORD ON THE STREET

"Have you made your decision for Tuesday's election and what were your influences?"



"I haven't made up my mind. Less mainstream sources are the ones I look at to make my decisions like Slate.com. Don't believe everything you see on TV."

-Jimmy Scantlen,
biomedical engineering junior

"I've made up my mind. I focus more on the Internet because the TV media is full of nonsense. They spin things a lot."

-Kevin Mitchell,
biomedical engineering junior



"I've pretty much made up my mind. I read a lot of information online. I usually went for alternative sources."

-Luis Magallon,
civil engineering senior

"I've decided but just from the TV. I don't really care to be honest. It doesn't matter what I say."

-Raquel Garcia,
general engineering sophomore



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Gay marriage backers make politics personal



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Brenda Chavez, left and Carissa Morales watch a No on Prop 8 rally on Sunday Nov. 2, 2008 in Fresno, Calif. Proposition 8 would overturn the California Supreme Court's decision earlier this year to legalize same-sex marriage.

Lisa Leff
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As California voters prepare to decide Tuesday whether to eliminate the marriage rights same-sex couples won five months ago, gays and their allies have been encouraged to tell co-workers and neighbors why legalizing the unions matters to them.

Same-sex couples who have married since June knocked on doors in neighborhoods across the state on Sunday to share stories with the voters they hoped to persuade to defeat Proposition 8. In recent weeks, other gay opponents of the ban, including a Roman Catholic priest, a former Republican mayor and a small-town newspaper editor, came out of the closet to show how the issue cuts across religious and

social lines.

Proposition 8 has turned into the most expensive election question this year, except the presidential race. Religious and civil rights groups have poured money and effort into the drive, making it one of the nation's most closely watched races.

During his 23 years as a priest in the San Joaquin Valley, the Rev. Geoffrey Farrow offered spiritual solace to a mother who did not know how to relate to her lesbian daughter and to an 11-year-old boy who thought he might be gay.

Yet it was not until some parishioners confided they were confused about how to vote on Proposition 8 that Farrow, 50, decided he had an obligation to minister to a bigger audience — even if it meant publicly disagreeing with his bishop and other church leaders.

"By asking all of the pastors of the Diocese of Fresno to promote Catholics to vote yes on Proposition 8, the bishop has placed me in a moral predicament," Farrow began a homily he gave Sunday, Oct. 5. "They are making a statement which has a direct, and damaging, effect on some of the people who may be sitting in the pews next to you today."

He asked his parishioners to consider that their votes "can cause other human beings untold happiness or sorrow for a lifetime." Then he concluded by observing that he was prepared for the personal consequences his "words of truth" would draw from the diocese.

Farrow had revealed in response to a reporter's question just before the Mass that he was

gay, but he did not disclose his sexual orientation to his parish.

Within days of his homily, Farrow was relieved as the St. Paul Newman Center's pastor and suspended without pay for contradicting church teachings and bringing scandal to his parish. He has retained a lawyer for an upcoming disciplinary hearing.

In the meantime, he has been traveling the state, speaking out against Proposition 8, often appearing at campaign events with non-Catholic clergy members who also oppose the measure.

He also spends a lot of time answering e-mails from around the world, some critical of his stand and others grateful.

"Beyond Proposition 8, this is an issue that needs to be addressed in the church because the solution the hierarchy has come up with has been to sweep it under the carpet," Farrow said.

The diocese has not commented on the case.

Former Folsom Mayor Glenn Fait has found a colorful way of describing his allegiance to the Grand Old Party.

"I like to say I'm a Lincoln Republican when it comes to civil rights, a Teddy Roosevelt Republican when it comes to the environment and a Reagan Republican when it comes to the economy," said Fait, a former city councilman and mayor of the Sacramento suburb made famous by the Johnny Cash song about the prison there.

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Nevada to get out the vote before that state's January caucus.

The drive to be a part of politics has peaked this year among students, Barry said, noting it's not just about voting but "stepping up, volunteering."

Christian Osmena, who is graduating from UC Berkeley in December, noticed students' engagement in everything from the long lines streaming from voter registration booths to political discussions that flared up in unexpected places.

"There's something cool about getting involved this year," said Osmena.

A strong supporter of Sen. John McCain — his first vote for president was an absentee ballot cast for the Republican candidate — Osmena still credits Obama's charisma and his campaign's outreach to young voters with fueling much of that drive to participate.

Osmena noted the grass-roots energy around Obama, and acknowledged of his candidate, "It is harder to be hip and to be cool when you're 72."

Like many of his generation, Osmena skips over newspapers and television and gets most of his information about politics online.

"We've done a huge amount of organizing using the Internet, and we've used new technology in ways that really captured young voters' attention," said Kirsten Searer, spokeswoman for Obama.

The candidate's face is ubiquitous on social networking sites like Facebook.com and in YouTube videos. The campaign has relied on text messages to communicate with voters. They stumbled over the initial plan to announce

the vice-presidential pick directly to supporters' cell phones and e-mails, but found the short blurbs are an effective way to advertise early voting locations.

Eric Hysen, 19, a Harvard sophomore, developed a Facebook application that provided voters, many of them young, with similar reminders. "It's just a lot easier to get involved in politics," he said. "The stakes are higher than they've been before. This will probably be one of the most important elections of our lifetime, and it's our first."

While Internet tools and texting have made it simple and cheap to reach young voters, what holds their attention is the reality waiting for graduates as soon as they're handed their diplomas — or already facing young voters who moved straight into the job market.

Nineteen-year-old Daniel Lipps works full time at a restaurant in Portland, Maine. It's not a dream job, but it pays the bills. He's frustrated watching Congress bail out investment banks. "They're just kind of throwing money away," he said.

"I really want to see some changes," said Lipps, who in his first vote is leaning toward Obama.

Emerging from an Army recruiting center in a Raleigh, N.C., strip mall, Lee Watson, 20, wore a broad smile. He'd made his decision and looked forward to taking his oath as a soldier. He's long planned to follow his father into the Army, and even two ongoing wars weren't enough to change his mind.

The economic crisis only reinforced his decision. A KFC restaurant where he'd recently worked in Alabama closed down. On the drive up to North Carolina, Watson was struck by the number of homeless and panhandlers he saw along the road.

State

PASO ROBLES, Calif. (AP)

Hundreds of illegal Australian crayfish have been discovered in tanks at a Paso Robles ranch.

Game wardens are trying to determine if any of the 800 crustaceans — some as big as lobsters — got loose and made their way down tributaries to the Salinas River, where native species could be threatened.

State Fish and Game wardens investigating illegal deer hunting on the ranch discovered the fast-breeding Australian yabby, and smooth maroon crayfish, both illegal in California. Ranch owner James Lockshaw says he was raising the crayfish as a hobby. He could be charged with importing and possessing the illegal crustaceans.

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Five people were found shot to death Sunday in a homeless encampment obscured by heavy brush in the shadow of a freeway in Long Beach, police said.

Officers received an anonymous call around 8:30 a.m. and went to an area between several commercial buildings and freeway ramps off Interstate 405. They found two women and three men, all gunshot victims, Long Beach Deputy Police Chief Robert Luna said.

Briefs

National

RENO, Nev. (AP)

Nevada election officials braced for a record voter turnout as Barack Obama and John McCain and their surrogates made a last-minute push for votes in the battleground state.

Secretary of State Ross Miller said early and absentee voting was so heavy that he now expects a record turnout as high as 90 percent of active voters, or nearly 1.1 million Nevadans.

More than 600,000 Nevadans cast early and absentee ballots by Friday, the end of the state's two-week early voting period. That represents 56 percent of the total of expected voters.

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)

Boulder police have ticketed about a dozen people running naked on the street while sporting freshly gutted pumpkins on their heads as part of an annual Halloween event.

The citations for indecent exposure Friday night came as dozens of other costumed revelers, including a man with a red cape and a sword, chanted to police officers to let go of the streakers and "find real criminals."

The event known in Boulder as the Naked Pumpkin Run has been held for 10 years.

International

BAGHDAD (AP)

Iraq expects an American response to requested changes in a draft security pact soon after this week's U.S. presidential election, an aide to the prime minister said Sunday.

Another Iraqi official said the U.S. indicated it would accept all the proposed changes except one — greater Iraqi legal control over American soldiers and contractors. Yassin Majeed said the U.S. response would come after Tuesday's vote so the president-elect — either Barack Obama or John McCain — could be briefed on the Iraqi proposals, which were submitted by Iraq's Cabinet last week.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

The Pakistani army's chief spokesman says a suicide bomber rammed his vehicle into a group of paramilitary officers in a volatile region near the Afghan border, killing at least eight troops.

Sunday's attack occurred in a tribal region considered a haven for al-Qaida and Taliban-linked militants.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas says the attack in South Waziristan occurred at a checkpoint near the main gate of the Zalai Fort, where members of the Frontier Corps were gathered. U.S. anti-terrorism Pakistan has deployed security forces to stop growing militancy.

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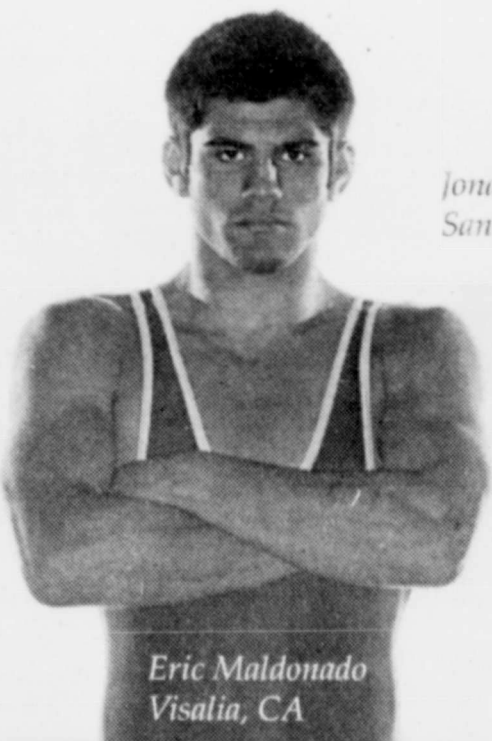
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Upcoming musical extravaganzas bring campus bands together

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MUSTANG DAILY

Whether you enjoy the Romantic strains of Tchaikovsky or the buoyant tunes of a marching band, there is something to be enjoyed among the Cal Poly music department's numerous bands. Although each performs differently, their shared love of music which will bring many of the university's band together in several upcoming performances throughout the fall quarter.

Mustang Band

The Mustang Band is a marching band made up of 120 members, including large groups of brass, woodwind, percussion and color guard performers. Each performer must study the marching drill and the music that is to be performed.

The Mustang Band, also named "The Pride of the Pacific," performs at pep rallies, alumni functions, parades, and athletic events, while a smaller group performs at volleyball and basketball games.

"Technically, we call it a band marching," said William Johnson, professor of music and director of bands at Cal Poly. "To most of the public it's a marching band, but to us it's a band marching, where the music is just as important as the stepping and choreography."

The band also features color guard performers, who perform with flags and rifles, and a crowd-pleasing fire baton twirler. "We have a very special young lady who is the sole baton twirler," said Johnson, speaking of political science freshman Kristen Man. "She twirls two fire batons at the same time."

The Mustang Band is always interested in recruiting new members, as the program continues to expand. They perform at Open House and Admitted Students Day, among other events, to create student interest and possibly recruit new members for the following year.

Johnson, who has been at Cal Poly for 42 years, has studied a wide range of instruments, but specializes in low brass, specifically large brass instruments like the trombone and tuba. He emphasizes the importance of being a skilled musician prior to joining the band.



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Tenor saxophonist Nicole Olsen of the Mustang Band performs at the tailgate party.

"You have to be an accomplished musician," Johnson said. "Most of our students have been playing for eight years, before they ever get (to Cal Poly)."

"This year we were very fortunate to have a huge number of very talented new students come into our program," Johnson said. "It was the largest number of new students we've seen in years. They've brought in a lot of enthusiasm, talent, expertise, and rejuvenated all of our ensembles."

Students who wish to audition for the Mustang Band perform one at a time for the directors, who look to see the skill the musicians have in playing their instrument, their ability to read music fluently and a desire to perform well.

"We could have a 500 piece band, if we didn't have standards," Johnson said. "Our standards are very high, so only 120 make it in the marching band. We need 120 to look good and sound good."

University Jazz Bands

The Cal Poly University Jazz Bands are made up of students who take special classes open to all Cal Poly students. The classes are ensembles that perform specialized repertoire, including big band compositions, world music, cartoon jazz, swing dance and funk. They also perform the themes to television programs like "I Love Lucy," "Batman" and "The Pink Panther."

The University Jazz Bands program is made up of two bands. Band No. 1 has the more experienced players and Band No. 2 is perfect for those who wish to practice and learn more.

There is no required major for participating in the jazz band. Students from a variety of colleges and majors like engineering, architecture and liberal studies are represented. Classes for band members are offered through the music department

and are open to any student at Cal Poly.

"We are really happy that we have so many non-music majors in the jazz bands because they are often times really excellent musicians," said Paul Rinzler, professor of music and director of jazz studies at Cal Poly since 1997. "It's a great resource that the bands have to draw on so we have a good pool of musicians to choose from."

The jazz bands also perform at events throughout the community, which teaches them the value of performing at different types of venues, while al-



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Trumpeter Austin Graves performs as a part of the marching Mustang Band. The band consists of 120 members and performs at many sporting events.




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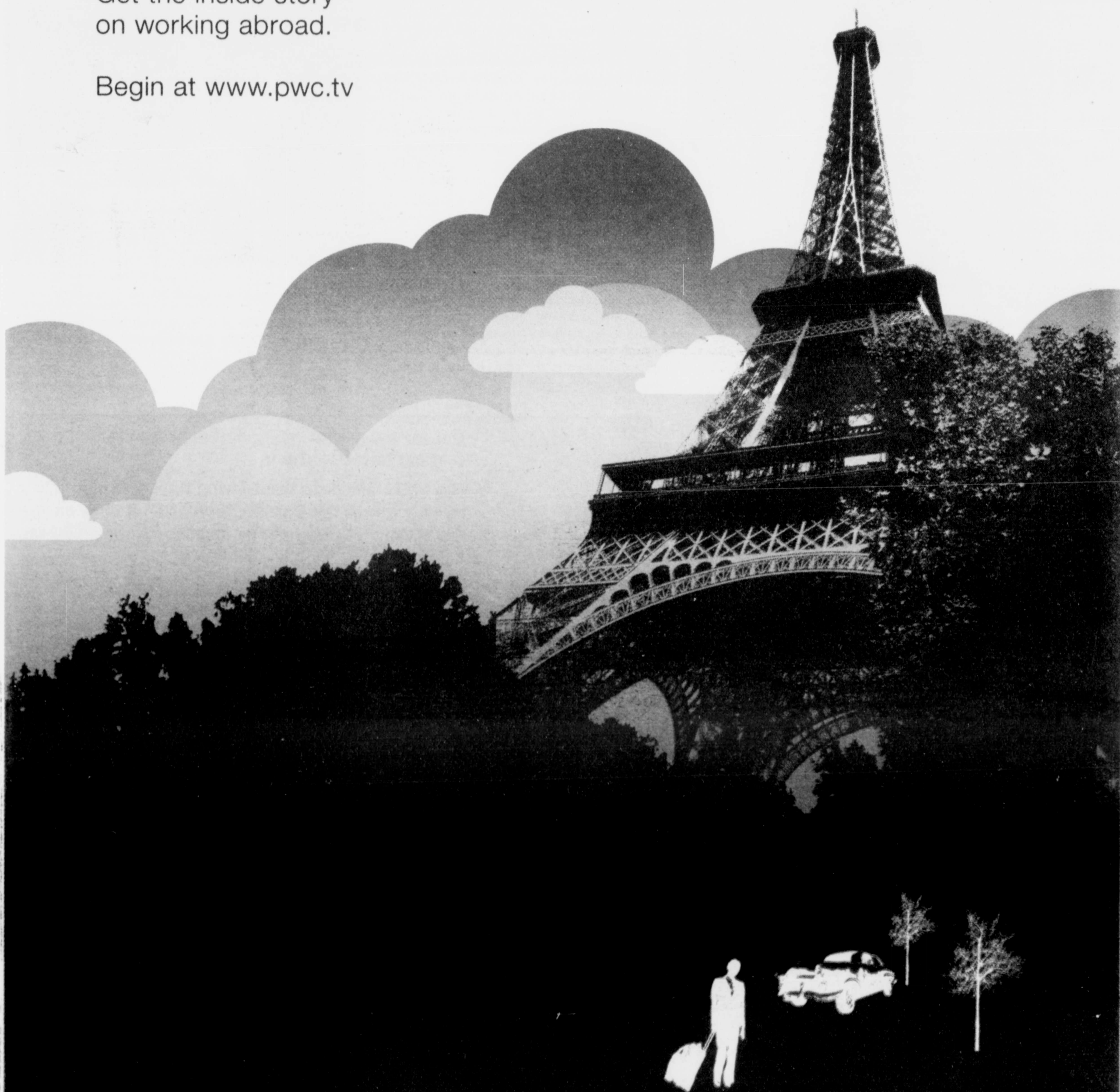
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lowing new audiences to hear the bands perform.

"I really like the fact that we have so many of these paid gigs for the bands because it does help to instill that sense of professionalism in the students," Rinzler said.

For the fourth year, the band will be performing swing dances in Santa Barbara and plan to play regionally throughout California, including a Bay Area tour later this year.

"It's really nice for the band to play in front of a bunch of dancers because they love it," Rinzler said. "The music is great to dance to, it's fun and it's also really good jazz."

Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra program combines more



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The brass section of the Cal Poly wind ensemble performs. The band also features woodwind and percussion sections.

than 115 student musicians in two ensembles, which only use the woodwind, brass and percussion sections of a traditional orchestra.

The Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble consist of students who have performed in many concert halls around the world including Beethoven Hall at the Musashino Academia Musicae in Tokyo, the Michael Fowler Performing Arts Centre in Wellington, New Zealand, and the Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia, among others. They have an excellent musical reputation both nationally and internationally.

The band debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2003 as part of the New York City Wind Band Festival. Most recently, the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble and Choir performed in concert halls in Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague for a European tour.

Upcoming Events

The University Jazz Bands will perform at the Alumni Homecoming Barbeque and Wine Tasting on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. The University Jazz Band Swing Dance in Santa Barbara will take place from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Carrillo Recreation Center on Friday, Nov. 21. Free dance lessons will be given at 8 p.m.

On Dec. 5, the jazz bands will perform in their Fall Jazz Concert in Spanos Theatre. The concert will feature a diverse mix of jazz standards and compositions. The show begins at 8 p.m. and student tickets cost \$6.

The Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and the Mustang Band will unite for Cal Poly's Annual Bandfest '08 Concert. This year's theme for the festival is entitled "Mi Alma Latina" (My Latin Soul), which will showcase the rhythms of Spain, Cuba and Latin America.

"It's a concert that students will really enjoy," Johnson said. "It's an opportunity to go hear a big performance in the concert hall. It will be absolutely outstanding."



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Cal Poly wind ensemble member Sabrina Glenn performs.

Bandfest will take place Nov. 15 in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$8 to \$19.

Each band also has upcoming individual performances throughout the quarter and holiday season.

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Protest proves Cal Poly's passion

History-making moments sometimes seem to come all at once. Last week, Cal Poly took to protest, refusing to accept hurtful images that remind us of our nation's intolerant past. Tomorrow, we'll take to the polls to decide our nation's future.

Hundreds of students and faculty took time out of their busy lives to protest in the University Union last Thursday. They stood wearing black shirts, holding homemade signs and had one message to get across: Cal Poly students will not tolerate hate.

Allegations of hateful messages and symbols – including a noose, a Confederate flag and alleged racist sign – displayed at the on-campus crop science student housing building had sparked the uproar.

The students who live in the house and were responsible for the displays were exclusively interviewed by the Mustang Daily. In the interviews, one of them said the displays were "stupid and immature and ignorant," and another associated the Confederate flag with "rebel youthism," but neither ignorance nor rebellion are excuses for symbols that had such an infamous role in a painful part of America's history. Anyone who's taken a history class knows better.

Just as these displays can't be dismissed as an ignorant mistake, they can't be passed off as a joke or misunderstanding. We're reminded of the freshman who sent e-mail threats to Cal Poly faculty and students around last Halloween promising a Virginia Tech-like tragedy. That student claimed it was all a "prank," but to the recipients of the violent and profane e-mails and University Police Department, it was no joke.

In the same vein, a noose leftover from the crop maze paired with a Confederate flag is no laughing matter either. For most people, the flag is still a symbol of racial hatred.

The protests ignited when the New Times reported that a sign saying "No niggers, no fags, no hippies" was displayed at the house. However, the alleged racist sign is disputed by the crop science building students, who claim they've only displayed one saying "no drugs, no hippies, no liberals, no Obama."

Regardless of what the sign said, the fact remains that the noose and Confederate flag are symbols with hateful enough connotations to cause an uproar by themselves.

The protest, in addition to countless comments and letters to the editor to the Mustang Daily, made it clear that the campus community wants some administrative response to this incident. There have been campus-wide e-mails from President Baker and the horticulture and crop sciences department rightfully condemning the display though no judicial action has been announced.

The e-mails simultaneously supported the students' First Amendment rights to free speech. Though no one condones what they did, the students' rights are constitutionally protected. And as a publication that's entire existence depends upon that very important amendment, we are appreciative of the administration's respect for free speech; we would not want to see these students facing academic or legal reprimand for what they did.

Yet for all their right to say what they want and display whatever

symbols they may, these students should not escape entirely without consequence. The First Amendment grants them the right to free speech; it does not grant the right to subsidized university housing. Living on Cal Poly's campus is a privilege and students who put such a bad face on our university do not deserve to live here.

Think about what the consequences would have been had students hung a noose or Confederate flag from a dorm window. Would they have been allowed to continue staying in the dorms (the same dorms that kick students out all the time for drinking in their rooms, an act which has little to no effect on anybody but themselves)?

If the students involved have not already made plans to leave the crop science housing, the university should require them to. Cal Poly is a university that struggles to be racially diverse; we don't need leniency towards students who openly display symbols of hatred that offend our minorities.

Though we support everyone's right to free speech, in this case we're glad the opposing side came out stronger. When Cal Poly took to protest, it turned hatred on its head and opened up an intelligent discussion. This is exactly what the First Amendment was intended for: when ignorant opinions arise they only give those with an intelligent argument an opportunity to respond and come out victorious.

Rather than combating the alleged hate speech with name-calling or accusations, protesters peacefully convened in the UU, holding signs with statements like "End Racism Now," "Hate is not a Cal Poly value," and "Will not stand for intolerance, injustice, inequality, invisibility."

They called for tolerance and debate rather than a witchhunt.

If only everyone with an opinion could always express it so rationally. Had the crop house students taken the time to write a reasoned-out guest commentary, instead of posting a sign, detailing whatever their qualms with certain groups or political views may be, this entire debacle would have been avoided.

Had they felt strongly enough about expressing a political view, perhaps they should even have organized a speaker or participated in a debate on campus.

Opinions shouldn't be condensed to stereotypes, slurs or extremist symbols. If you have a view that you are passionate about, be prepared to convey it in a well-reasoned argument. A sign – whether it be actually racist or just bluntly political – has no value if it merely attacks a group of people. At most it will genuinely offend and hurt, at the very least it will drive away the very people you're trying to convert.

Perhaps last week's protests will set a precedent for political action at Cal Poly. Remember that your strongest political statement can be made tomorrow. However you vote, do so with both passion and reason. Too much is at stake in our country's future to let ignorance into the political process.

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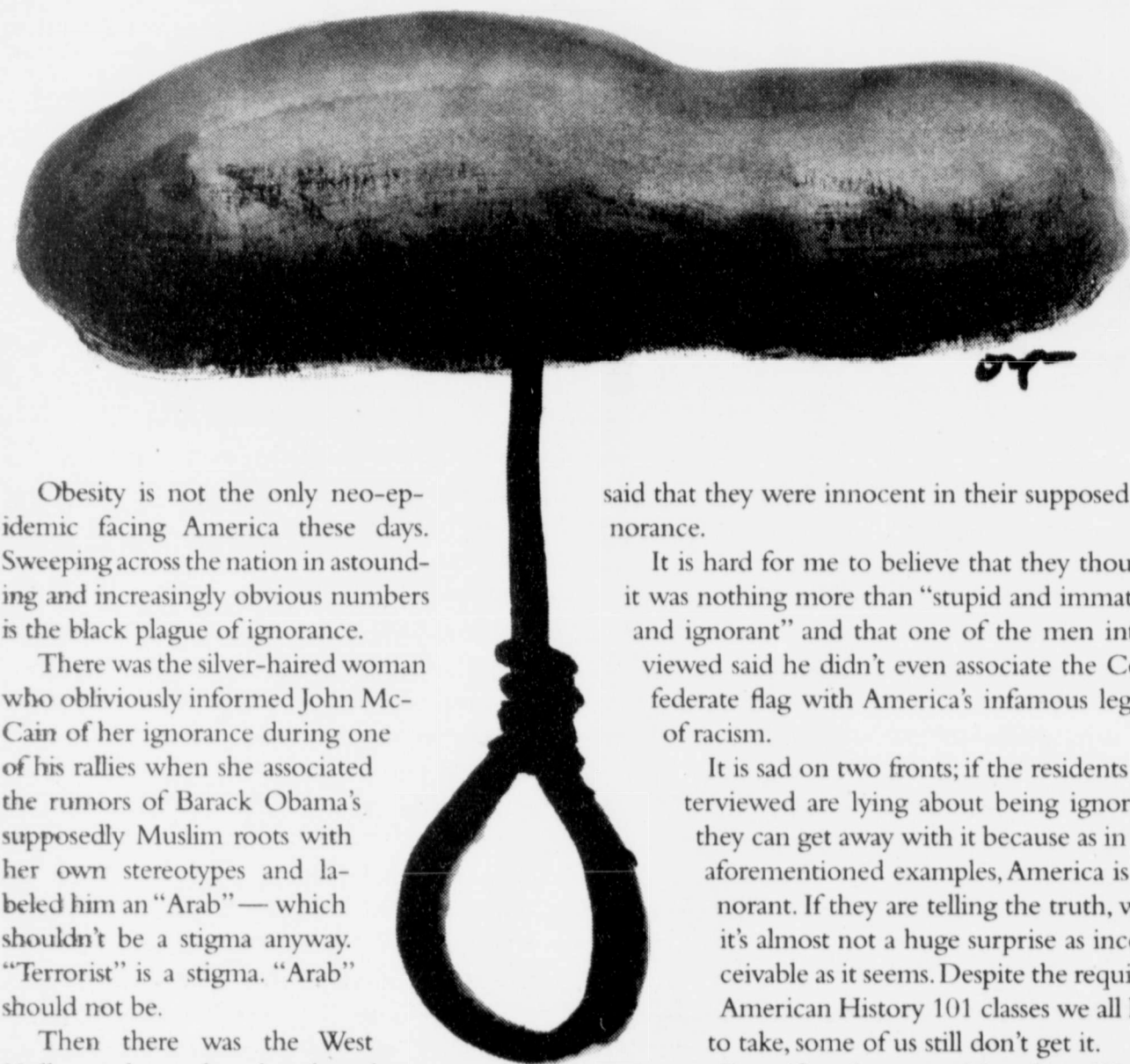
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Ignorance is the dark cloud of America



Obesity is not the only neo-epidemic facing America these days. Sweeping across the nation in astounding and increasingly obvious numbers is the black plague of ignorance.

There was the silver-haired woman who obliviously informed John McCain of her ignorance during one of his rallies when she associated the rumors of Barack Obama's supposedly Muslim roots with her own stereotypes and labeled him an "Arab" — which shouldn't be a stigma anyway. "Terrorist" is a stigma. "Arab" should not be.

Then there was the West Hollywood couple who thought it would be OK in the name of Halloween fun to hang an effigy of Sarah Palin from a noose. He would certainly not hang Barack Obama and, although Palin is white-bread Caucasian, the noose will always be a symbol of hatred in this country.

Closer to home, another noose brought even more outrage when Cal Poly's Crop House residents unwittingly exposed themselves to the fury of the rest of us when we learned of their noose and Confederate flag display.

I, like everyone else who heard the news, at first thought it was a blatant attempt to proudly trumpet the residents' racism to the world.

However, I was willing to try and give the residents a chance to explain and maybe help me understand where they were coming from. Where they were coming from wasn't too far from the two aforementioned examples.

In anonymous interviews with the Mustang Daily, the students behind the offensive display

said that they were innocent in their supposed ignorance.

It is hard for me to believe that they thought it was nothing more than "stupid and immature and ignorant" and that one of the men interviewed said he didn't even associate the Confederate flag with America's infamous legacy of racism.

It is sad on two fronts; if the residents interviewed are lying about being ignorant, they can get away with it because as in the aforementioned examples, America is ignorant. If they are telling the truth, well, it's almost not a huge surprise as inconceivable as it seems. Despite the requisite American History 101 classes we all had to take, some of us still don't get it.

Even if, as the men claim, they did not create the display, they should have known better than to keep it up. If one of them is dating a Hispanic girl, as he told the Mustang Daily, then why didn't she ask them to take it down? What about the minorities that they claimed had lived or live there? Where were their voices in all of this?

Even on the eve of an election where our next president could be one of those minorities, Americans need to realize that ignorance is one of our greatest enemies. We continue to be divided due to this epidemic when we can't associate historically racist symbols with what they have stood for so long and think that anyone wearing a keffiyeh or a hijab (look them up) is by default a bad person.

Whoever our next president is, he needs to be able to address this epidemic and help us step by step to create the cure.

Breehan Yohe-Mellor is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily reporter and copy editor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Compost removal only takes us backwards in sustainability

It is sad news the day that we as a campus move backwards in the sustainability movement. The amount of food that could potentially be composted every day on campus is huge. It angers me that a decision that big could be made without any student involvement. Isn't one of the huge issues of the day the youth vote? If then why is our voice being denied? We are just as much a part of this campus as Dean David Wehner. Why does he get to make decisions that affect students and the environment? What upsets me the most is his clear lack of knowledge in what students want. In the article it says "Wehner says that these students (protesters of compost removal) don't understand the problem." You're right Mr. Wehner WE don't understand. We're ignorant. You relocated the compost without even looking at research or testing samples. Seems hypocritical. As for us being ignorant weren't you the one who refused to meet with students and hear our opinion? Weren't you the one who refused to listen to an expert in compost, Mr. Bolander? Bolander proved in a recent test that the compost was in compliance with the U.S Composting Council's Test Methods for the Examination of Compost. So I suggest next time you make a decision you get off your high horse and do some reading. And while you're at it talk to a student. Chances are we're not stupid, or uninformed like you so kindly stated.

Michelle Fox

philosophy sophomore

Defining marriage

Where do the supporters of Prop 8 get their definition of 'marriage' from? According to Danny Dearborn and Ian Nachreiner their definition of marriage comes from Genesis, God or their religious views. They make the argument that because God, or the Bible, defines marriage as between one man and one woman, that EVERYONE must follow this definition. What's wrong with the definition of marriage from Merriam-Webster? According to the dictionary, marriage is between a man and a woman, OR two individuals of the same sex. The problem with their argument is that it violates the First Amendment of the Constitution, the separation of church and state.

Supporters of Prop 8 who use this argument; What makes you think that you can impose your religious beliefs on everyone else by voting to define marriage according to YOUR religion. If Prop 8 supporters can make a legitimate argument on why it should pass, without bringing up the "religious definition", I would be more than happy to listen.

Brad Smalarz

aerospace engineering junior

Dear Campus Community,

The undersigned faculty of the Social Sciences Department would like to express their outrage at the despicable acts of intolerance, discrimination, and racism at the Crop House. We stand together as a coalition against acts of hate that have occurred far too often on this campus. The advancement of any great university is contingent on its ability to retain the best students and faculty, and embracing diversity is essential to achieving that goal. For many of us who work tirelessly to increase diversity on campus, we see these acts of hate as tremendously damaging to our efforts to create a comfortable learning environment for all students.

We know others stand with us and we call upon those at Cal Poly and the community to join us in creating a more accepting, appreciative, and tolerant society that respects ethnicity, gender, language,

sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and difference. While we cannot undo the negativity caused by these actions, it is up to the university to heal the damage through swift, strong, and immediate action. We are deeply concerned that the actions taken so far and public statements made to date do not reflect sufficient recognition of the repulsiveness of these acts and the damage that they have done to our community. We call on President Baker, Dean Wehner, and the faculty of the Horticulture and Crop Science Department, who have publically stated condemnation of these acts, to take action that demonstrates leadership and accountability, and also moves the Cal Poly community toward a positive and unified stance on diversity.

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Taco Tuesdays: The new best day of the week

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006: My freshman year. I remember the day perfectly. It was dinner time. I was enjoying Garden Grille's piece de resistance: a grilled cheese sandwich. Back then, I thought it was delicious; I couldn't imagine a better dinner on a Tuesday night.

Tuesday Oct. 16, 2007: My sophomore year. It's etched into my memory. It was dinner time. I was enjoying a delicious chicken breast with asparagus. I had prepared it myself. There was little else in the dinner world I could imagine for my Tuesday night.

Tuesday Oct. 21, 2008: My junior year. It is a little fuzzy. It was pretty late. I was enjoying two chicken tacos. I remember friends sitting with me at a table with upwards of six tacos. I'm getting served this food, but I don't feel guilty for eating out. Duh, it's Tuesday night.

You haven't heard the news? Fridays are so last year. Saturdays don't stand a chance. If you want my seasoned opinion, Tuesday is the night to look forward to the most.

In the college world it is considered sacrilegious to de-

nounce the weekend as the best two, three, or four days of the week. It's what we live and study for. Without the weekend, every college student would either burst into stress-related flames, or simply go into hibernation every winter.

So what then? I'm not even 21, I can't go to a bar, and don't worry, there aren't a ton of parties you've been missing. What is there, then, that could be so great as to even come close to the magic of the weekend? Two words: Taco Tuesday.

I know that you must be skeptical. But really, can you think of anything better than Chino's dollar tacos and, if you are lucky enough to be 21, or know someone who is, \$2 beers. It's not only a break

from studying, but a break for my bank account.

It wasn't too long ago that I was a freshman who lived for frat parties and binge drinking Thursday through Saturday, but if I may tear you away from over indulgence for

just a moment; Taco Tuesday offers something that no other night can: a chance to sit down with friends, drink a little and procrastinate.

Of course, Taco Tuesday comes with a warning label: Not for those with midterms, finals, papers or alcohol problems. Taco Tuesday may cause those of the thrifty persuasion to do an embarrassing victory dance in the face of several workers and peers.

Side effects of Taco Tuesday may be, but are not limited to, beer pong games after tacos, forgotten homework, making unexpected trips to the bars, eating twelve tacos because you can finally afford it, giving death stares to groups who have been sitting at a prime table for too long, and of course the unexplainable urge to buy everyone a round of beers. Don't go unprepared, always designate a frugal friend.

Taco Tuesday is not for the timid, but it is the perfect night to take a break from whatever it is that plagues you during the week.

Still not convinced? Come to Chino's tomorrow, find me, I'll buy you a taco.

Rachel Newman is an English junior. "That's What She Said" takes a fresh and lighthearted look at issues at Cal Poly and in San Luis Obispo. The column will appear in the opinion section bi-weekly on Mondays.

That's What
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by Rachel Newman

MUSTANG
round up

Gonia leads Mustangs to sixth Big West title in a row

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

UC Riverside's Chad Hall, the younger brother of Olympic marathoner Ryan Hall, entered Saturday's Big West Conference Cross Country Championships as the favorite in the men's race, just ahead of Cal Poly's Daniel Gonia.

Midway through the 8K race, though, the Mustangs' leader made his move.

"As the race developed, it got down to Daniel Gonia, Chad Hall and Scott Smith as they broke away probably just after 3 miles," Cal Poly head coach Mark Conover said. "They went into the orange grove and Daniel came out with a big lead just after four miles."

He'd keep it and pull away for a winning time of 24 minutes, 2.4 seconds.

More importantly, it showed that not much had changed in the conference's order, as four other Mustangs finished in the top seven at UC Riverside's Agricultural Operations Course and Cal Poly won an unprecedented sixth straight Big West title.

"Again, the team displayed really smart up-front running and just ran a really great race with a lot of intensity," said Conover, the conference's five-time coach of the year.

Rounding out the Mustangs' top five were Evan Anderson (second,

at 24:15.6), Carl Dargitz (fourth, 24:24.3), Joe Gatel (fifth, 24:25.7) and Troy Swier (seventh, 24:37.7).

The 23rd-ranked Mustangs, who placed four other runners in the top 22, finished with 19 points, comfortably ahead of UC Davis' second-place 71.

On the women's side, Bridie McCarey finished eighth on the 6K course in 20:38.1 to pace the Mustangs, who improved on last year's seventh-place finish and tied for fourth with 117 points — 57 behind champion UC Riverside.

Also in the top 15 for Cal Poly were Lauren Mulkey (in 10th, at 20:47.3) and Brienna Morris (14th, 21:03.3).

"Bridie, Brienna and Lauren really ran well," Conover said. "It's something to keep building on for the future with our young women's team."

The Mustangs will run next at the West Regional at Stanford on Nov. 15.

women's volleyball

UC DAVIS 3, CAL POLY 1

For the first time since 2004, the Mustangs lost to the Aggies, falling 18-25, 25-20, 25-20, 25-22 Saturday night in Davis.

Cal Poly outside hitter Ali Waller had a match-high 17 kills, and middle blocker Jaclyn Houston posted match-bests for hitting percentage (.538) and blocks (eight) in defeat.

For the two-time defending Big West Conference champion Mustangs (13-9, 8-3), the loss came on the heels of a 3-0 defeat at Pacific on Friday night — their first time being swept by a conference foe since 2005.

With the loss to the Aggies (11-13, 3-8), the Mustangs gave up first place in the conference to idle Long Beach State (18-4, 7-2), which they'll host at 7 p.m. Saturday in Mott Gym.

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pass from Carrie Andrews, but Long Beach State's Hayley Bolt answered on an assist from Dana Farquhar in the 15th.

By the 68th, Cal Poly found itself down 3-1.

"Long Beach State is a very good team," Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said. "Then they got the goal off the corner kick and it just took it out of us, and the rest of the game just played out as it did."

Vallis said the Mustangs' enthusiasm dissipated a bit.

"We definitely came out with fire and somewhere between 20 and 45 minutes, we just lost it," she said. "As

our last game this season, we were trying to prove something in conference. And I think that we let up too soon."

It looked as if the Mustangs might have had an opportunity for redemption in the second half when senior midfielder Leah Morales scored a goal off a free kick in the 84th minute.

But Long Beach State (13-4-3, 7-0-1), which outshot the Mustangs 18-11, held on.

Cal Poly finished 10-9 overall and 5-3 in Big West play.

"There were some games I thought that we didn't win that we should have," Crozier said. "Overall, I think that the team played pretty well and we are still getting better."

Vallis agreed the record doesn't

reflect the Mustangs' potential.

"We started off slow and we started building up," she said. "I honestly feel that from freshman year to senior year, this is the strongest team we've ever had and we've got what it takes. We just need to do those little things and it will all come together."

Cal Poly lost 4-2 at home against the Gauchos on Oct. 19.

"We felt like we didn't play that well when we played Santa Barbara last time and made some mistakes," Crozier said.

Vallis is confident Cal Poly will put Sunday's game behind itself.

"That's what we are going to be working on this whole week — focusing," she said. "We need to show that we are No. 1. It doesn't say it in the (standings) but we know it."

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4-4, 5-2-2) moved into first place in the Big West Conference standings with 17 points, one ahead of No. 15 UC Santa Barbara.

Freshman midfielder Jacob Hustedt, who assisted Montgomery on his score, tallied the second goal of the day in the 32nd minute.

A penalty kick by the Aggies' Dylan Curtis brought suspense in the 80th minute, but goalkeeper Eric Branagan-Franco was able to make a diving save.

"It was really important for us to come out strong and get this win," said Branagan-Franco, who made five saves — two of them on close-range shots by UC Davis star Quincy Amarikwa.

The Aggies (12-3-3, 4-2-3) established an 11-10 shooting

advantage.

"We had a couple mistakes, but that's expected in a game like that, especially when you're playing the 11th-ranked team in the nation," Branagan-Franco said.

Cal Poly will visit UCSB (10-5-2, 5-2-1) at 7 p.m. Wednesday in a rematch of the 1-0, double-overtime Gauchos win Oct. 17, when the third-largest regular-season college men's soccer crowd ever filed into Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

If the Mustangs hold on to the top spot, it would be their first regular-season Big West title in program history.

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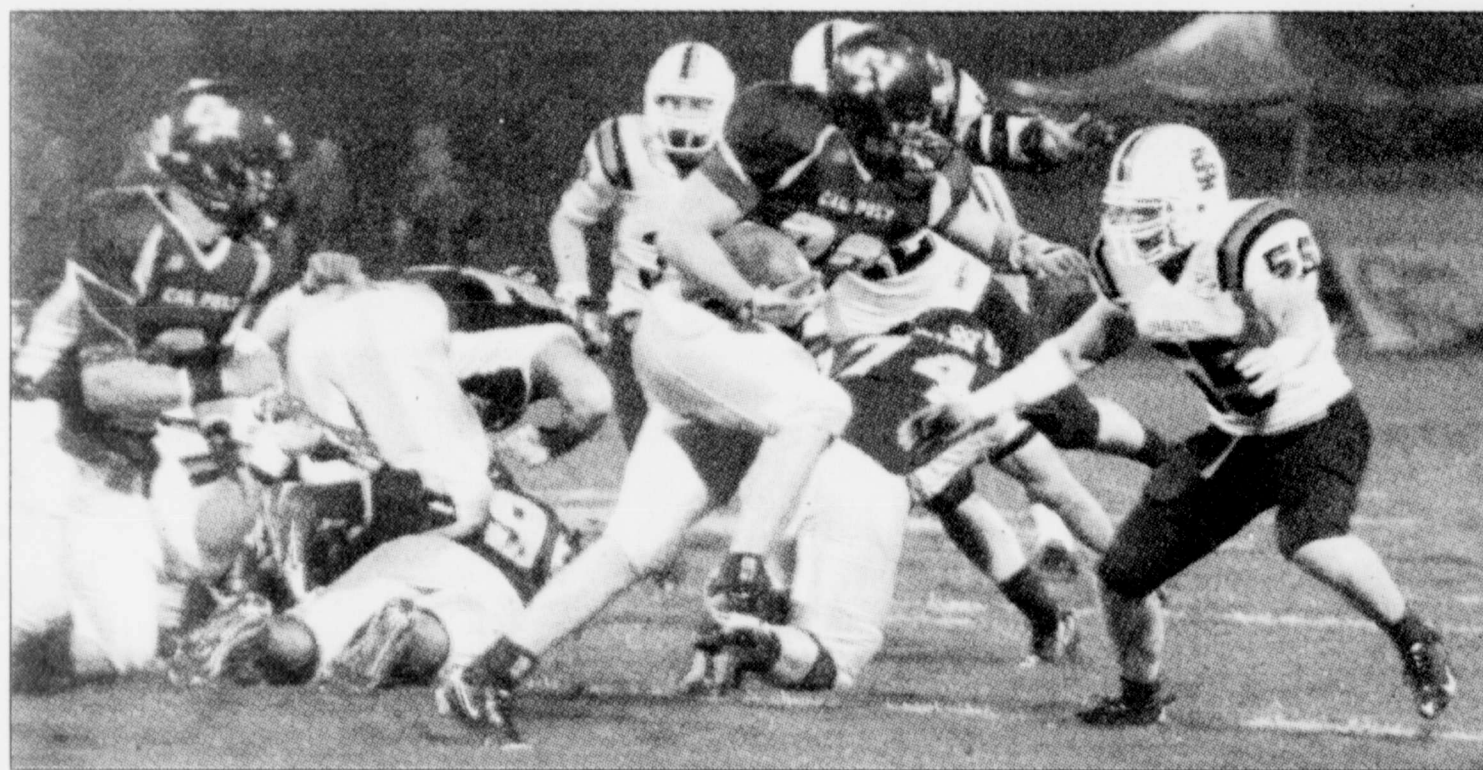
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RUSH HOUR



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Jon Hall (center) runs at Idaho State's Ryan Phipps at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Saturday night.

Scott Silvey
MUSTANG DAILY

Last year the Cal Poly football team relied heavily on the connection between Jonathan Dally and Ramses Barden in its victory over Idaho State. On Saturday Dally completed just five passes for 88 yards. Barden caught just four balls for 77 yards. But it didn't matter.

Cal Poly's offense used a little role-reversal in a 49-10 win over the Bengals on a rainy night at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, rushing for a school Division I record 459 yards.

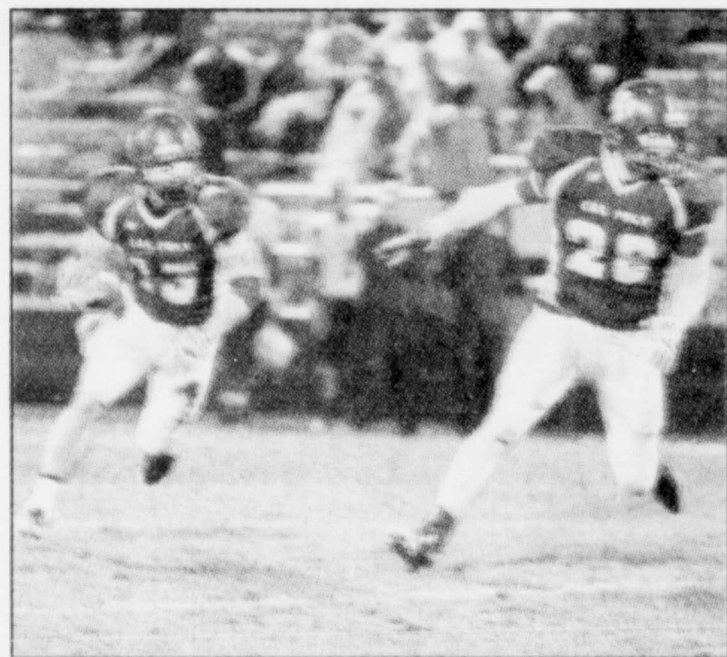
"They decided they wanted to try to shut down Tre' and Ramses today — which isn't really easy," Cal Poly fullback Jordan Yocum said of the Mustangs' starting receivers. "They gave us the running game and we are going to take what the defense gives us and be good at it."

On just his second carry after returning from a hand injury that sidelined him for two games, senior running back James Noble took a pitch and ran into the corner of the end zone for his 32nd career rushing touchdown, tying the school record held by Louis Jackson.

The No. 4 Mustangs (6-1) continued to pound the ball on the ground, as Yocum recorded his first career touchdown on a 39-yard run straight through the middle of the Bengals defense.

"It felt great; the (offensive) line blocked great," Yocum said. "They made it very easy so I could just cut back and run as fast as I could, but they did all the work."

In the second quarter, Idaho State (0-9) running back Kenyon Blue dazzled with a 20-yard run, breaking



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Ryan Mole (left) picks up some of his game-high 140 rushing yards Saturday night.

three tackles to move the ball to the Cal Poly 24-yard line. An ensuing pass interference call on the next play set up the lone Bengals touchdown, as Clint Knickrehm scored on a 1-yard touchdown run to cut the Cal Poly lead to 14-7.

With the aid of a crucial fourth-down offside penalty against Idaho State lineman Jon Tuua, the Mustangs responded with a 4-yard touchdown run by Ryan Mole.

"We get after each other a little bit," Mole said of a Mustangs rushing attack that had five players rush for at least 40 yards. "Everybody is going to make plays for us — everybody wants the ball."

Not even Mother Nature could get in the way of the Mustangs' dominance.

"With the rain, you've got to expect there to be more of a running game out there," Mole said. "The ball is slippery and bad things can happen with that kind of wind and rain. It seemed like it was raining every time we had the ball, and stopped when we were on defense."

After a three-and-out, Cal Poly put the game out of reach for the winless Bengals.

Barden caught a 25-yard pass and Mole added a 30-yard rush before eventually scoring on an 8-yarder to put the Mustangs comfortably ahead 28-7 at the half.

"They give you a lot of different looks and stunts to discourage

the run game," Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said. "Our guys did a great job of handling it — both in terms of blocking and Jonathan getting the ball in the right hands, and those guys who got the ball did something with it."

Yocum got the Mustangs going to start the second half, as he ran for a 42-yard touchdown to widen the margin to four touchdowns.

"We knew we could do it," Yocum said of the rushing attack. "That's a top offense — everybody can run the ball."

After the defense forced a fumble near midfield, Barden continued the onslaught for the relentless Mustangs, adding a 27-yard touchdown reception. The catch gave him a touchdown in 16 consecutive games, leaving him just one shy of the Football Championship Subdivision (then Division I-AA) record held by former Mississippi Valley State star Jerry Rice.

The Bengals offense was held to just 278 total yards a week after the Mustangs gave up 41 points to Southern Utah.

"(The defense) stepped up tremendously," Mole said. "They've been doing a lot of work just getting their things right, getting their calls right. I hope they keep doing it for the rest of the year because we're going to keep putting points up. So if they keep stopping teams there is no way we should lose."

That's a top offense — everybody can run the ball.

— Jordan Yocum
Cal Poly fullback
on the Mustangs' 459 rushing yards

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JOSH AYERS MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly senior goalkeeper Eric Branagan-Franco (left) makes one of his five saves Sunday afternoon at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Mustangs take over first place in Big West

Samantha MacConnell
MUSTANG DAILY

Kyle Montgomery scored the first goal for the Cal Poly men's soccer team just 22 seconds into its Sunday afternoon match against No. 11 UC Davis before 2,817 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, leading to

a 2-0 victory.

"I actually thought I had one of my better performances, but the goal definitely helped boost my confidence," said Montgomery, a sophomore midfielder.

With the win, the Mustangs (10-

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Cal Poly drops finale, will visit UCSB in tournament



PATRICK FINA MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Carissa Voegele (right) looks for room against Long Beach State's Kristen Kiefer on Sunday at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Bridget Veltri
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's soccer team's regular season came to an end Sunday afternoon at Alex G. Spanos Stadium with a 3-2 loss to Long Beach State, but the Mustangs still have their sights on the Big West Conference Tournament.

With the loss and UC Santa Barbara's win later in the day, the Mustangs fell to third in the conference standings, meaning they'll visit the Gauchos in a tournament semifinal Thursday.

The Mustangs' Ashley Vallis opened the scoring in the eighth minute on a

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